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On 4 January 1952, the officers of the guard unit in the Reden Tunnel, Ruetersdorf-Kalkberge (H 53/V 14), were replaced. At the same time, 30 men of the 120-man guard unit there left the installation on truck. From 5 January, the unit guarding the tunnel consisted of 1 captain, Senior Lieutenant Mivitski (fnu), 2 other senior lieutenants, 2 lieutenants, 90 MI wearing black-bordered black epaulets and 8 MI wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Half the troops were armed with submachine guns and half with carbines, and all of them had trench knives. At the beginning of October 1951, the guard personnel received an explicit order not to leave the installation and not to talk to German civilians. The guardhouse at the main tunnel entrance was occupied around the clock by a detail of 8 men, including 2 sentries with submachine guns who stood guard at the entrance on Redenstrasse. Up to 40 sentries with submachine guns patrolled the restricted area above the tunnel. The underground installation was inspected twice a week by two colonels who would arrive in an sedan and would stay for two to three hours.

The vehicles hauled new building material to the installation on 5 and 7 January 1952. \*

\* Comment. The report confirms information of late October 1951 by the same source who, however, stated at that time that Mivitski (fnu) was a captain and the commanding officer of the guard unit. The vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to the GORG.

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